

NC Cooperative Extension - Perquimans County Center

DID YOU KNOW?

May 2025



Perquimans County Extension Seed Library

Grow. Share. Cultivate.

Looking to start a garden? Want to help build a stronger, greener community?
Our Seed Library is here to help!

LOCATED IN THE PERQUIMANS COUNTY LIBRARY

514 S Church St, Hertford, NC 27944

What is a Seed Library?

A collection of seeds available for free to the community! Borrow seeds, grow your plants, and if possible, return harvested seeds to keep the cycle going.

How It Works:

1. Borrow Seeds – Choose from a variety of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds.
2. Grow Your Garden – Plant, nurture, and enjoy your homegrown produce.
3. Harvest & Return – If you can, save seeds from your plants and return them to the library.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit Perquimans
County Library or contact Sarah
Sowders at (252)426-5428.



welcome
Spring

Savor the Season

HOME PRESERVATION SERIES

Join the Fun & Learn the Art of Food Preservation!

Looking to keep your favorite fruits and veggies fresh year-round? Want to learn the secrets of canning, extracts, and food prep like a pro? Come join us for Food Preservation Classes at the Perquimans County Extension Office!

 **Hands-on learning with an expert instructor**

 **Discover the best techniques for preserving flavor & nutrition**

 **Take home delicious, homemade goodies**

 **Meet fellow food lovers and have a blast!**

Spaces are limited, so sign up today! For more details or to register, contact us at (252)-426-5428 or at Sarah_Sowders@ncsu.edu.

Let's get preserving! 



UPCOMING EVENTS

5:30-7:30PM

MAY

27

No Waste Strawberries
(Extracts and Sauces)

JUNE

26

Blueberry Lavendar Jam

JULY

24

Pineapple Mango Salsa

AUGUST

26

Signature Vinegars

SEPTEMBER

23

Saucy Sloppy Joe Starter

All classes are \$10 each or join us for all five classes for \$45

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Registration will not be complete until the registration fee is paid. Payments can be made by check or exact change at the extension office. Checks can be made payable to Perquimans Farm services. Registration Fee is non-refundable unless class is canceled.



Servsafe Managers Certification

June 17th & 18th 2025

Calling all those in the restaurant and food service industry! N.C. Cooperative Extension will be offering a ServSafe Food Safety Class in June. The class will be held at the N.C. Cooperative Extension, Perquimans County Center, and will begin promptly at 9 a.m. each day. ServSafe is a course designed by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation to provide food service operators, managers, and support personnel with the knowledge essential for food preparation and handling within their respective facilities to help reduce the risk of foodborne illness. The course covers handling food, from receiving and storing to preparing and serving. It gives science-based information on how to run a safe establishment.

Please Complete this Google
Registration Form: [Click Here](#)
Registration and payment is
due by **May 23rd**

June 17th Instruction Day 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m (one hour lunch break on own)

June 18th Instruction Day 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m (one hour lunch break on own).

Exam will take place the afternoon of June 18th.

Test Registration cost is \$125 (which includes the 7th edition book and exam sheet.)

^{**}Registration fees are non-refundable but are transferable to another person

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, PLEASE CONTACT SARAH SOWDERS AT SARAH_SOWDERS@NCSU.EDU OR (252)-426-5428 NO LATER THAN TEN BUSINESS DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT.

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LAWN MAINTENANCE CALENDARS

Stay on top of your lawn care this spring and summer. NCSU Extension offers turf maintenance calendars to help keep you on track with mowing, fertilization, pest management and disease control.

See all the NCSU turf maintenance
calendars at:

<https://go.ncsu.edu/lawn-maintenance-calendars>

Turf or landscape questions?
Contact Kellie Binnicker at
keluton@ncsu.edu

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EASTERN NC GARDENING TIPS

April & May

NC STATE EXTENSION

Master Gardener | Chowan-Gates-Perquimans

Gardening Considerations for April and May in Eastern NC: <https://perquimans.ces.ncsu.edu/2025/04/april-showers-may-flowers-gardening-tips-for-april-and-may-in-eastern-nc/>

2025 Summer Adventures

Date Change Our Horsin' Around program date has changed from July 10th to June 9th!

Get ready for an educational and exciting summer with Perquimans County 4-H! Our Summer Adventures program is packed with hands-on activities, field trips, and fun-filled learning experiences for youth of all ages. Whether it's exploring nature, creating art, or diving into science, there's something for everyone! Registration opens Monday, April 14th at 8:00 AM so be sure to sign up early—spots fill fast! Check out the flyer and registration details to plan your summer adventure.

2025 Perquimans County 4-H Summer Adventurers

Little Donut Masters

June 3, 12 am - 3 pm

Ages: 5-8

Cost: \$15

Get ready to mix, bake, and decorate delicious homemade donuts for a sweet day of fun!



Little Culinary Passport

July 8-9, 9 am - 1 pm

Ages: 5-8

Cost: \$15

Cook around the world with us as we explore food from Greece and Italy. Snack and lunch provided.



Merchants Millpond

June 4, 9 am - 2 pm

Ages: 10+

Cost: \$10

Join us for a field trip to Merchants Millpond to learn about the local environment and canoe through the pond on the Big Canoe!

Please bring a bagged lunch



Craft & Create

August 5, 9 am - 12 pm

Ages: 5-8

Cost: \$15

Splat, spray, and swirl your way through hands-on projects using fly swatters, water guns, and more while learning about famous artists and their techniques!



Horsin' Around

June 9, 9 am - 2 pm

Ages: 5-9

Cost: \$10

Join 4-H Volunteer Sarah Wolfgang to learn the basics of horses through fun games and activities!

Please bring a bagged lunch



Planetarium

August 7, 10 am - 1 pm

Ages: 8-12

Cost: \$10

Join us for a cosmic adventure at the Elizabeth City State University Khan Planetarium's DigiStar Theater!

Please bring a bagged lunch



Culinary Passport

June 25-27, 9 am - 1 pm

Ages: 9+

Cost: \$20

Travel to Greece, Italy, and Japan with us as we learn about cuisines from different cultures. Snack and lunch provided.



Sylvan Heights Bird Park

August 13, 9 am - 3 pm

Ages: 8-12

Cost: \$20

Enjoy an educational adventure discovering exotic birds at Sylvan Heights Bird Park!

Please bring a bagged lunch



Age is as of January 1st, 2025.

All youth must be registered in 4-H Online.

No refunds unless the camp is canceled.



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2025 Perquimans County 4-H



Summer Adventures

In person registration will open on **Monday, April 14th** at 8am at the Perquimans County Extension Office. To secure a spot, registration, payment, and 4-H Online enrollment must be completed. Enroll in 4-H Online at <https://v2.4honline.com/>

Participant Name: _____

Age (as of Jan. 1st, 2025): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

The following individuals have permission to pick up my child after the event concludes: _____

Special Dietary Needs/ Allergies/ Restrictions: _____

I give Perquimans County 4-H permission to take photos of my child:

☐

YES

☐

NO

Please select the events you are registering for:

- ☐ Little Donut Masters.....\$15
- ☐ Merchants Millpond.....\$10
- ☐ Culinary Passport.....\$20
- ☐ Young Innovators Science Camp.....\$15
- ☐ Little Culinary Passport.....\$15
- ☐ Horsin' Around.....\$10
- ☐ Sylvan Heights Bird Park.....\$20
- ☐ Craft & Create.....\$15
- ☐ Planetarium.....\$10

Total Due:

Must be paid with a
check or exact cash.
Please make checks
payable to Perquimans
County 4-H

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District Activity Day

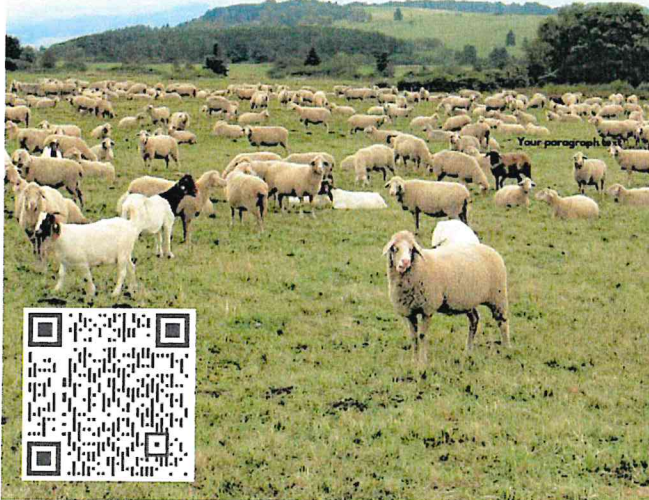
District Activity Day is an exciting opportunity for youth to build confidence and sharpen their public speaking skills. Participants choose a topic they're passionate about, create a visual aid like a poster or PowerPoint, and deliver their speech to a panel of judges. This year's event will be held on June 24th at Martin Community College. Youth interested in participating should email Tori DeWald at tori_dewald@ncsu.edu with their topic and a brief outline of their presentation or speech.

Livestock Field Day



**Tidewater Research
Center
Plymouth, NC**

**May 30, 2025
9:00 am - 4:00 pm**



Extension Specialists will be covering a variety of topics

- Pasture renovation and Weed Identification
- Fence Construction
- Solar Farm Grazing with sheep
- FAMACHA for parasite management
- Lambing/kidding toolbox
- Retail cuts of lamb and cooking techniques
- Transitioning to Organic livestock production

Registration is free but required. Lunch will be served.

Contact: Cyndi Knudson at (336) 908-9820
or ceknudson@ncat.edu.

[NENCLivestockFieldDay.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nenclivestockfieldday)



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